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BIRTH.

At Nullah-side, on the 14th instant, the
wife of Captain JAMES THOM, of the steam-
ship *Nelson*, of a son.

THE

Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 17TH DECEMBER, 1881.

It would appear to us that the busi-
ness portion of our community has
a legitimate grievance against the
Government for the frequent claims
which are made on the valuable time
of men engaged in trade to serve on
the juries in the various Courts of
the colony. We should imagine
that the day is not far distant when
the desirability of making some very
extensive alterations and improve-
ments in our existing jury system
will be forced on the attention of the
Legislature. The European resi-
dents in Hongkong are very heavily
taxed, and as time with business
men means money, the many claims
of our Courts on the services of
foreigners engaged in commerce,
means a substantial loss at the end of
the year, which is not always easily
borne. This unfair, unsatisfactory,
and anomalous state of things should
not be allowed to exist. The popula-
tion of Hongkong is considerably over
150,000, of which the foreign resi-
dents form an insignificant propor-
tion. And yet almost the whole of
the trying responsibilities attaching
to the office of juror must be borne
by foreigners alone.

It is but right that citizens in re-
turn for the protection afforded by a
well organised government, should
yield when occasion requires it, such
services as may be deemed necessary
for the satisfactory carrying out of
constituted authority. It may be
truly enough said that in the shape
of heavy taxation we pay amply for
the protection afforded us by the
laws under which we live; still, jury
service is properly regarded as a duty
we owe to ourselves, to society and
the government, and is generally
performed willingly, if not with much
enthusiasm. The question we desire
to discuss here is whether—consider-
ing the heavy tax jury service is on
the time of the limited foreign
constituency—the educated Chinese
classes of our community could not
be entrusted with their share of these
civil duties. From our own personal
experience of the Chinese, we are

quite certain that a large number of
merchants and the better classes
generally, who understand the Eng-
lish language, and are practically
acquainted with English customs,
are perfectly qualified to sit in the
jury-box. Even acknowledging this,
we are not prepared to advocate any
wholesale or indiscriminate introduc-
tion of Chinese jurymen into our
Courts of Law. A selection of ap-
proved men, qualified in every respect
for the serious responsibilities im-
posed on all men who sit in judgment
on their fellows, might, however, be
made, which would add considerably
to the strength of the common jury
list. To this extent in the Law
Courts we think the Government
might safely go, and we feel assured
that it would turn out a politic
measure—in addition to the boon it
would prove to foreigners—by giving
our Chinese fellow residents a greater
interest in our internal affairs than
we can expect them ever to possess,
debarred as they are at present from
the highly prized if somewhat onerous
privileges and responsibilities of ac-
tual citizenship.

There is another sphere outside
the Law Courts where much less
discrimination is needed; where
the responsibilities are consider-
ably less; and where Chinese jurors
for all practical purposes would
prove just as useful as foreigners.
We refer to the ordinary in-
quiries held by the Coroner. There
seems to us to exist no valid reason
why the services of Chinese for
Coroner's juries might not be large-
ly availed of, without proving in
any way detrimental to the aims
and purposes for which these in-
quiries are held. The ordinary Cor-
oner's Inquest is a very simple af-
fair. A Chinese man or woman is
brought to the Government Civil
Hospital dead, and a medical examina-
tion proves that the cause of death
was an overdose of opium. This
evidence is elicited in due form at the
Coroner's inquiry, and a verdict in
accordance therewith is returned.
All is perfectly plain sailing; a
verdict is returned on lines briefly
laid down by the Coroner, so that
nothing can actually go wrong.
There are, of course, at times cases of
an important or specially intricate
character, involving grave principles
of serious consequence to all con-
cerned, in which it would hardly be
politic to entrust to a Chinese, or
even a mixed jury; but satisfactory
arrangements could without difficulty
be made in all cases of this character.
We contend that a feasible plan for
greatly increasing the number of re-
sidents liable to service on Coroner's
juries could be easily arranged with-
out detriment to public interests, or
in any way prejudicially affecting
the public service, and we really
consider that foreign tax-payers have
substantial claims to some recogni-
tion at the hands of the Government
in this matter.

In consequence of an influential ex-
pression of opinion from a large
member of our subscribers, we have
been induced to slightly amend our
arrangement re the proposed hour
of publication of this journal after the
end of the year. We therefore beg to
intimate to our subscribers that on
and after January 1st the *Hongkong
Telegraph* will be published daily
punctually at 4 o'clock. This ar-
rangement will not only afford us
the opportunity of publishing the
entire news of the day, but will per-
mit the paper to be circulated to all
the business houses in the colony
during office hours. As soon as our
new plant is in working order it is
our intention to issue daily at 2 o'clock
a *Shipping Extra* with the day's ad-
vertisements of all descriptions pro-
minently displayed. This new fea-
ture should commend itself to adver-
tisers, and as we shall have ample
space at our disposal we are pre-
pared to offer our advertising columns
to the community at low rates tho-
roughly in keeping with the altered
character of the times.

A Celestial, on a Jerusalem war-
horse a little larger than a Newfound-
land dog, appeared to be enjoying him-
self in the Queen's Road Central early
this morning. Enveloped from head
to foot in bed-quilts, most fantastically
arranged, and with his legs dragging
along the muddy road, the noble fol-
lower of Confucius proudly prome-
naded, alike indifferent to the drizzling
rain and the jeers of the crowd of rag-
ged urchins who followed in his train.
We should imagine that long before
this both "moke" and madman are
safely housed at the Central Police
Station.

Our readers are reminded that Wil-
lard's Wanderers Company will per-
form the celebrated Haymarket my-
thological comedy "Pygmalion and
Galatea" at the Theatre Royal, City
Hall, this evening. Those who re-
member Madge Robertson's splendid
impersonation of the heroine in the
original representation of this most
unique of modern dramatic works, will
be glad to have an opportunity of
witnessing Miss Beresford in the part.
That portion of the community who
have never seen this comedy performed
have a rich treat in store for them.
We hope to see a crowded house.

"A Portuguese Catholic" writes to
the *Shanghai Courier* as follows:—
"Will you kindly grant me a small
space in your columns to draw the at-
tention of my countrymen to the dis-
tress at present existing at Macao, and
suggest that something be done to
alleviate it. I propose that a Bazaar
be held and the proceeds devoted to
the distressed; and as my country-
women are very clever with their
needles, a goodly sum could be raised
in this manner, which, well distributed,
would bring comfort to many at home,
as well as satisfaction to us who have
been the means of helping."

The Vienna correspondent to the
Daily Telegraph, in a letter dated Nov.
3rd, says:—The Prince of Siam, who
has been here since Sunday, the object
of whose visit is said to be to purchase
arms and engage Austrian instructing-
officers for the Siamese army, is accom-
panied by an aide-de-camp. Both of
them speak English, and the latter
converses fluently in German. The
Prince brought an autograph letter
from the King of Siam for the Emperor.
The English translation begins thus:—
"My dearest brother and friend." The
document is enclosed in a white silk
envelope, which was presented to the
Emperor in a red velvet despatch box
with gold corners, and the arms of Siam
on the lid. The Prince also brought
presents for the Crown Prince and
Crown Princess.

Racing Judges in Japan would ap-
pear to believe in the old fashioned
English mode of settling disputes. No
doubt the "manly art" has much to
recommend it, and it certainly is a
fairer and more honourable way of
settling differences than the customary
resort to slandering and backbiting, or
the miserable and unsatisfactory appeal
to the Law Courts. According to the
Japan Weekly Mail of the 3rd instant, a
dispute occurred between two of the
Judges on the Toyama Race Course on
Sunday—or rather in the box. And
it was a "box" for the grave sports-
men referred to the fistic arbitrament
of battle. The contention did not last
long; and he who got the worst retired
from the arena, returning a couple of
hours later with no signs of strife upon
him. With a smiling mien, he resumed
his official duties.

With reference to a paragraph which
appeared in yesterday's *Telegraph* con-
cerning the docking of the China Mer-
chants S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kiang-ping*
at Whampoa, and the probabilities of
legal proceedings resulting on account
of what was said to constitute a breach
of contract between the Hongkong and
Whampoa Dock Company, Limited,
and the Canton Authorities, we are in
a position to state that no legal steps
of the character indicated have ever
been in contemplation. The question,
however, has been currently discussed
in all its phases in commercial circles
both in this colony and at Canton, and
we merely performed a duty to the
public in publishing rumours which
were of considerable importance to a
large number of important interests,
and which now enables us to make
this definite statement.

According to the *Shanghai Mercury*
Signor Corti's Opera Company will
open the season on Monday next, at
the Lyceum Theatre, with "Il Tro-
vatore."

We would remind the Sporting
Community that nominations for the
Hongkong Derby, of 1882, close to the
Clerk of the Course, at the Club on
Monday, the 19th instant.

Among the visitors to the Toyama
Race Course on Sunday were three or
four foreign ladies from Tokyo and
Yokohama. Generals Saigo and Ya-
mada, Princes Kita Sirakawa, and Hi-
gashi Fashimi, with other distinguished
personages were present. Evidently
these Tokyo races will become a popu-
lar institution.—*Weekly Mail*.

The following is the list of officers of
Perseverance Lodge for the ensuing
year:—W. M., W. Danby; S. W., P.
B. C. Ayres; J. W., E. Georg; Chap-
lain, Rev. C. G. Booth; Treasurer, R.
Lyll; Secretary, F. A. Hazeland; S.
D., Paul Jordan; J. B., A. Wooley;
Organist, W. Brewer; J. G., A. N. E.
Judah; D. C., E. MacKean; Steward,
H. Matchitt; Tyler, J. Grumble.

The German Corvette *Stosch*, 19,
Commanders von Biana, arrived here
this afternoon from Amoy, which port
she left on the afternoon of the 15th,
and reports the arrival at Amoy at
eleven a.m. on that day of the Detach-
ed Squadron. The latest intelligence
is that the Squadron may be looked for
in Hongkong early on Monday morn-
ing. The *Stosch* will receive, during
her stay at this port, the captain newly-
appointed to her.

A Bazar in aid of the Asile de la
Sainte Enfant will be formerly open-
ed by I.L.E. the Governor in the City
Hall at two o'clock this afternoon.
The band of the French frigate *Thénis*
will perform during the afternoon, by
the kind permission of Admiral Duperré
who will honor the proceedings with
his presence. The above institution
is one of the most deserving in the
Colony, and we therefore trust that it
will receive a large share of public
patronage in this laudable endeavour
to raise funds for the praiseworthy
objects it has in view.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

The trial heats to decide the crews
who will be entitled to row for the
pair-oared races, Ladies' Purse and
Chairman's Cup, at the forthcoming
regatta, were commenced yesterday af-
ternoon. Six crews had originally en-
tered, but Falconer and Richards, con-
sidering their prospects of success hope-
less, wisely withdrew. The following
is the result of the two heats rowed
over the miles course:—

FIRST HEAT.

"LARK"—1. "COACH"—2.
Isaac Hughes. Angier.
J. Sampson (stroke). Fisher (stroke).
H. W. Sampson (cox.). H. Hall (cox.).
"ALPINDER"—0.
A. J. Easton.
A. B. Tomkins (stroke).
Ayow (cox.).

A good start was effected, but Sampson
setting a powerful stroke immediately
took a slight lead, and before going a
hundred yards had drawn clear from
the other two, who were strictly level.
There was little change in these posi-
tions, excepting that the leader drew
further away, until the Shears were
reached, where Tomkins and Easton
stopped, completely rowed to a stand
still. From this point to the finish,
Fisher and Angier, rowing steadily
and in excellent form, again and again
spurred after the leader, and it looked
at one time as if they might manage to
win the heat. However, weight and
strength told its tale, and although the
light weights were rowing in much
better form than their opponents they
never got fairly on terms, Sampson
winning cleverly, not to say easily, by
a good length in 8 minutes 4 seconds.

SECOND HEAT.

"LARK"—1. "ALPINDER"—2.
Young. Murray.
Bennett (stroke). Lovett (stroke).
Caldwell (cox.). Farquhar (cox.).
Lovett had rather the best of the start,
the nose of his boat showing in front
after the first few strokes; the advan-
tage, however, was only momentarily,
as Bennett quickly drew alongside, and
after narrowly escaping being fouled
by the erratic steering of the opposing
coxswain, took a clear lead, which he
maintained throughout, winning com-
fortably by rather over two lengths in

exactly 9 minutes. The steering in
this heat, on the part of both coxswains
was very bad, and it was a wonder
that a foul was avoided. We thought
also that Bennett overpowered his col-
league, as the boat appeared to be kept
straight with great difficulty.

The third heat will be rowed at four
o'clock this afternoon, when Angier and
Fisher, and Murray and Lovett, the
two seconds in yesterday's heats, will
be opposed by Holliday and Rusk.
The winner of this heat will be quali-
fied to start for the Ladies' Purse, and
the second for the Members' Cup.

TRAINING NOTES.

The weather was again wretched
this morning, so that a comparatively
small number of sports turned out to
see the usual training operations. The
course, notwithstanding the almost in-
cessant rains of the past week, was, if
somewhat holding in the straight,
fairly good going, and favourable for
galloping. Strathavon and Strath-
peffer were as usual first on the course,
and went through the usual amount of
trotting exercise. Lord of the Isles
and Dauntless went separately at a
good pace for about half a mile and
pulled up sound. Bohemian and Wild
Races galloped together nearly a circuit
of the course, the last year's Derby
winner going in much the better form
of the pair. Bohemian appeared to
labour a good deal, but doubtless when
fully extended he will lose what ap-
peared to us to be a very high, fighting
action in front. The two subscription
griffins, and the maiden from Shanghai
in the same team cantered slowly.
Mr. Paul's lot were restricted to slower
exercise than usual, the "Horse" con-
sidering that the course was unsafe for
galloping. Mr. Grammont's fleet of
griffins all cantered, a dark gray belong-
ing to that gentleman himself showing
the best form of the mob. Mr. James's
representative, in company with a white
griffin in the same stable galloped, a
mile, both finishing very leg weary.
Luchiel and Glangarry "powed" half
a mile, and similar work was gone
through by Mr. Barretto's dark grey,
and Souter Johnny. Spectro and
Cromwell did long easy work, and the
East Point lot (excepting the flea-bitten
hack which galloped half a mile in
good style) did nothing worthy of
special notice. The two German
griffins cantered slowly, but appear to
make no improvement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the
opinions expressed by Correspondents.]

THE "CATHOLIC REGISTER."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—You will doubtless in fairness allow
me space in your valuable columns to say a
few words in reply to the charges of your
enlightened correspondent "S."—the ac-
complished author of the masterly articles
in the back numbers (very far back numbers
I should say) of the *Catholic Register*, which
the *China Mail* and numerous Indian and
Australian papers so loudly praise. If this
barren piece of self laudation were true,
which it certainly is not, I should surely be
justified in declining to accept the *China Mail*
as an authority on literary subjects of any
description. I am only a Portuguese—or I
should perhaps more correctly say a Macao-
ense, as I happened to be born in the "gem
of the orient earth"—but having received
an English education I may claim to know
what a "masterly article" in a newspaper
actually is, and I am bound to say that the
China Mail, whatever else it may be, can
lay no claim either to originality or literary
merit. However, that is beside the question.
To come to the point at once, I beg, in
the first place, to repeat that the assertions
contained in my letter of the 13th instant
were at the time I wrote, perfectly true. I
am in a position to say that arrangements
had actually been entered into by the author
of the "masterly articles" with a gentleman
of some considerable literary ability, at pre-
sent residing in Hongkong, to start a paper
to take the place of the *Catholic Register* on
January 1st, such publication to be termed
either *Noon*, *Daily Times*, or *Daily News*. I
can also now state that these arrangements
have been repudiated, and that there is every
likelihood of the truth of my assertions being
confirmed in the Summary Jurisdiction
Court, as the editor-elect of the proposed
paper has intimated to me his intention of
suing the projector of the scheme—who is
identical with the writer of the master-
ly articles in the back numbers of the
Catholic Register—for breach of contract, or
for damages in some other form.

In the second place, I had, beside my own
opinion, a capable and independent authority
for my statement that the *Catholic Register*
"has been deteriorating for a long time past
to such an extent that it has become the
scorn and byword of the very repre-
sentatives of the interests it has for so long
been subsidised to advocate." That author-
ity was a reverend gentleman well known
and highly esteemed in Hongkong. He has,
since the appearance of the "masterly"

letter of "S." stated that he is the first to discard the *Register* on account of its gross plagiarisms.

If you will kindly insert the above I shall esteem it a favour, and promise not to encroach further on your valuable space on this subject.—Yours, &c.,

A CATHOLIC.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1881.

[We hardly think that our correspondent's letter was called for, however, in fairness we have much pleasure in allowing "A Catholic" to have his say. As the subject is more of a personal than of a public character, the controversy has gone quite far enough. Both our correspondents are of one faith, the Roman Catholic. We recommend to their careful perusal a volume of hymns by the late lamented Dr. Watts which ought to throw oil on the troubled waters.—Ed. *Telegraph*.]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. P. Doyle, C.E., is evidently one of the most modest of men, and fully sustains the acknowledged reputation of his countrymen for the possession, in an eminent degree, of that amiable virtue. Unfortunately, however, his logic stands in glaring contrast with his modesty, as exemplified in the exceedingly absurd and ludicrous comparison he institutes in his communication in your yesterday's issue, *re* Mr. Danby, St. Joseph's College, &c. It is to be regretted that Mr. Doyle's contribution to our present knowledge of the Evolution theory is so scant, and I sincerely trust that some enthusiastic anti-Darwinist will forthwith have the *brochure* to which he refers translated into and published in English, in order that the world may have the benefit of his advanced views on the question now agitating a considerable section of society at home. If we may not look for strict logic in his treatment of the subject—for original minds disdain to be trammelled by such trifles—we may at least hope to have it presented in quite a new aspect, to the utter discomfiture of Darwin, Huxley, and the whole of the evolutionary tribe. Tremble ye local evolutionists, for an intellect of battering-ram power is about to assail your fancied secure position, drive you with ignominy from your defences, and knock the whole of you into a "cocked hat!" Has the modest one not threatened to do for you all?

I am sure the community at large, but the Irish Catholic portion of it in particular, must feel extremely grateful to Mr. P. Doyle for favouring them with so lucid and gratuitous an exposition of his advanced religious views. "I am an Irish Catholic," says the bashful one, "but like most of my educated countrymen (I hope he does not include himself in the category) do not hold sectarian (*sic*) bigoted and narrow-minded views." What a piece of silly bombast to be sure! Quite unworthy of you Pat, and eminently suggestive of the unpleasant imputation of self-seeking. Does your correspondent really know what he says when he writes that he does not hold "Sectarian views?" Can he possibly belong to any creed without holding sectarian views? I would recommend him to look up the etymology of the word "sectarian" before he ventures to use it again in a public paper.

With characteristic impudence and effrontery your correspondent seeks to elevate himself at the expense of "most of his educated countrymen," by falsely imputing to them bigoted and narrow-minded views, while he proclaims himself to be one of the advanced, liberal thinkers. It won't wash Paddy, me boy, the trick is too stale. You will have to take your wares to another market, my good Sir. The people of Hongkong are not so easily gulled as you imagine.—Yours, &c.,

ANTI-IMPOSTOR.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1881.

A most extraordinary and discreditable occurrence has lately been reported to the Throne by the Governor of Kuangsi. It seems that a dispute arose between an Acting Chinese and an expectant Sub-prefect about the hiring of a boat, and this led to a serious scuffle between some yamen-runners and the boatman, who had taken refuge in the house of the Sub-prefect. Now this man, not being in office, kept an apothecary's shop, and in the row which ensued some of his furniture was injured. He was eventually brought privately before the magistrate, when a very stormy scene took place, a crowd of servants and secretaries insisting upon carrying him by main force into the public court for the hearing of the evidence. The unfortunate apothecary and expectant Sub-prefect struggled violently, though without success; but no sooner was he set down in front of the bench than he jumped upon the table with a wild shriek, knocked off His Worship's hat, and overturned the furniture. This so exasperated one of the attendants that he kicked the man violently in the pit of the stomach, thereby causing his death. No inquest was held until the body was in an advanced state of decomposition, when the equivalent of a verdict of wilful murder was brought against the man who had kicked him; and from that moment the course of justice was swift, the culprit having been sentenced to strangulation after the usual term of imprisonment, and the magistrate dismissed from the service.—*N. O. Daily News*.

NINGPO.

12th, December.

Early this morning the Royal Party returned from the country, and at about 10 o'clock H.M.S. *Vigilant* weighed anchor and steamed down the river through mist and rain. I must say, the clerk of the weather has behaved very well to our distinguished visitors, for yesterday, though very hot, was nevertheless very fine—and the day before being overcast but not over cold was just the kind of day to be desired for a day's sport on the lakes. The party procured nearly 50 head of game, of which the Prince contributed quite his share, I am told.

Yesterday being Sunday, H.R.H. abstained from shooting, and together with Lord Charles Scott, his tutor Mr. Dalton, and Mr. Consul Allen, took a tramp from Sien-paw to the landing place for Tien Dong, the rest of the party remaining behind for a ramble round the former locality. The trip altogether is described as having been a most successful and enjoyable one, and now, the poor clerk of the weather is so upset at their departure that he has burst forth into floods of tears, which unfortunately he could not restrain even before their departure; however, though he shows his feelings so unpleasantly I don't believe he can regret their departure half so much as do most of our most distinguished residents.

The Chinese man *Chu-wo* (without the now Futai) returned from Chihai on Saturday afternoon, when the usual salutes were exchanged. The Taotai, accompanied by Mr. Kleinwachter, Commissioner of Customs, immediately called on his Royal Highness, and Vice-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam and officers of H.M.S. *Vigilant*.—*Mercury*.

RUSSIA AND COREA.

A correspondent writes to the *Times* on the above subject, on October 27th as follows:—

The interesting article in *The Times* of yesterday entitled "Russia and the Corea," leads me to add a few remarks on the same subject, if you can find space for them.

That Russian designs in the direction of absorbing portions of if not the whole are of that little known Korean peninsula not those of yesterday, the following extract from notes made myself in July, 1859, will show. Remarking that at this time I happened to be in St. Vladimir Bay, on the coast of Tartary (lat. 44 N.), these are my notes:

"A Russian captain of Engineers, with a small party of men, has recently arrived here, having travelled overland from Irkutsk (Lake Baikal). He states his object is to survey the (then) newly-acquired Russian territory on the seaboard of Tartary, which he claims to extend southwards to and include the harbours in Possietto Bay, and that there is some design of extending it as far south as Broughton Bay."

This Broughton Bay is also known on the Admiralty charts as the Korean Gulf, at the deepest indentation of which is the Port Lazareff to which your correspondent at Shanghai refers. I remember well this Russian officer having with him a sketch map of the Corea, and in conversation he made no secret of the intention of his Government to absorb, when convenient, not only the northern portion, but the whole of the peninsula.

As bearing on Russian intentions in this quarter, it may, perhaps, be interesting to state that in the same year—1859—an excellent harbour in the island of Tsu-Sima, in the centre of the Korean Strait, and till then unknown to Europeans, had been discovered and surveyed by one of Her Majesty's ships, and in the following years, 1860, the Admiralty chart was published. Mark the sequel. In the winter of 1860-61 two Russian corvettes arrived at Shanghai, ostensibly to fill up with provisions and stores, but where from and whither bound no one knew. There was not the inquisitive spirit then abroad as there is now, and the seal of secrecy imposed upon the Russian crew was well kept.

A few months after, in the spring of 1861, this harbour in Tsu-Sima was again visited by the same ship of Her Majesty, and at once a marked alteration for the worse was observed in the manner of the Japanese villagers. The explanation was soon at hand, for out of sight, saving their mast-heads, were

the two Russian vessels whose movements in the winter were so mysterious. These ships, under pretence of requiring healthy change for their crews, then of needing such extensive repairs as to require the erection of workshops on shore, had landed parties of men, cleared the ground for sowing vegetables, established a camp, and erected a flag-staff, and, but for the unexpected, and to them inconvenient, advent of a British ship, there can be little doubt that before long such a footing would have been secured in Tsu-Sima as would have been unassailable short of proceeding to force.

The mokest glance at a map will suffice to indicate the importance of such a position as Tsu-Sima, commanding, as it does, the approaches to the Sea of Japan; the eastern seaboard of of Corea, and the south-western shores of Japan, along which rolls the tide of increasing commerce through the great inland sea dividing Nippon from Kiusiu. Fortunately, these designs, made known at once to the Naval Commander-in-Chief—the late Sir James Hope—were by him defeated, and the Russian corvettes moved off towards more congenial latitudes; but it was currently believed at the time that to these designs was, in a great measure, due the barbarous attack made soon after on our Minister, Mr. Alcock, at Yedo, by armed retainers of the Prince of Tsu-Sima, whose domains had thus been so unceremoniously encroached upon, and who in those early days of foreign intercourse with Japan had not, perhaps, the means of distinguishing one nation of Europe from another.

Happily, in these days of frequent communication between Europe and the far East and of the ships forming our squadron on the China station being constantly cruising in Japanese waters, dealings of the kind here related are not likely long to escape detection; but the question may, perhaps, be asked Are Russian designs on the Corea to be allowed to reach consummation?

DISAFFORESTATION.

All the world over complaints are made of the ravages of the woodman's axe, and planting to re-new the forests is the exception instead of being the rule. The *Hingo News* of the 15th ultimo, remarks:—An extensive fire was burning on the hills from noon on Sunday till Monday morning, and apparently no efforts were made to stop its ravages. Year by year the hills about Kobe are being denuded of timber, and nothing is done in the way of replanting. The consequence is that immense quantities of detritus are carried down by the snows and rains of winter. Neglect of afforestation must inevitably bring its own punishment, and retribution will follow all the more speedily when the operations of the woodman are combined with wilful destruction for the sake of a few pieces of charcoal.

The *St. James's Gazette*, on the same subject says:—The rapid destruction of the American forests from time to time attracts attention, but no effectual steps have yet been taken to avert the threatened calamity. At the annual meeting of the Lumbermen's Exchange at Chicago the other day, Mr. Thompson, the vice-president of the Exchange, stated that the increased demand in the production of lumber since 1860 has been estimated at the rate of not less than 50 per cent. for every five years. Should this increased demand continue it is calculated that American forests must suffer annihilation within the next twenty years. Year by year, as the country becomes more densely peopled, greater distances are covered by long stretches of railroad in every direction, not only away from, but towards and into the pine forests, as if for no other purpose than their destruction. A demand has but recently sprung up for American choice pine in foreign lands, so that the product, mainly confined to two States, is a staple of the world. The question, there cannot be a doubt, is one of the greatest importance to the United States, for there is, as has been pointed out by scientific men in that country, a close connection between forests and watercourses, and the disappearance of the great timber tracts will invariably lead to a decreased depth of the rivers. The sooner, therefore, the Americans take to replanting the trees that have been destroyed the better, since there is no time to be lost and the mischief will soon be beyond remedy.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THIS DAY, One P.M.

When we went to press yesterday Banks were rather weak at 120 per cent. premium, a number of shares being offered at that rate. As soon, however, as there was the slightest indication of buyers coming to terms, holders drew back and declined to sell. There has consequently been no further business transacted, but the stock is firm at the quotation. Docks are still in great favor, a fair number of shares having been negotiated this forenoon at 37 per cent. premium for the end of the month. At this rate there is still a limited demand for the stock, but holders remain firm, and decline to sell at less than 38. Should this figure be offered we think that a rather extensive business will have to be chronicled. The only other stock we need refer to is that of the China Sugar Refining Company. No business has been transacted lately in Sugars, and it is rather difficult to define its present position in the list of quotations with anything like exactness. There are offers to buy at 155, and a few shares have been offered at 163; but buyers at the former rate have been unable to obtain a single share, and we are not quite certain that the higher rate would induce holders to sell to any great extent.

SHARES.
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—120 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,600 per share.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share.
North-China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 865 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$200 per share, sellers.
Man On Insurance Company, Limited—\$25 per share premium.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$930 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$295 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—37 per cent. premium, Sales.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company—\$234 per share premium, Sellers.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$35 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$100 per share, Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$150 per share, Buyers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debitures)—3 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$130 per share, Buyers.

EXCHANGE.
On LONDON—Bank Bills, T.T. 3/84
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/84
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/94
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/94
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight. 3/94
On PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 1/67
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/79
On BOMBAY—Bank, T.T. 222 1/2
On CALCUTTA—Bank, T.T. 222 1/2
On SHANGHAI—Bank, T.T. 73 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight 73 1/2

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(TAKEN AT MESSRS. FALCONER AND CO.'S REGISTER, QUEEN'S-ROAD).
Hongkong, 16th & 17th December, 1881.
BAROMETER—1 P.M. 30.210
Do. 4 P.M. 30.204
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. 60.
Do. 4 P.M. 60.
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 59.
Do. 4 P.M. Do. 59.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. 30.352
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 55.
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet Bulb) 54.
Do. Maximum 60.
Do. Minimum (over night) 55.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 16, Hector, British steamer, 1,589, Billings, Nagasaki 12th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
Dec. 17, Volga, French steamer, 1,089, Guirand, Yokohama 10th Dec., Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes.
Dec. 17, Arx, British steamer, 814, C. Hermann, Canton 16th Dec., General.—Stomson & Co.
Dec. 17, Srosen, German corvette, 2,030, Commodore von Blane, Amoy 15th December.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 16, Belgic, British steamer, for Yokohama and San Francisco.
Dec. 16, OLYMPIA, German steamer, for Chinkiang.
Dec. 16, ARTEMISIA, British bark, for Nagasaki.
Dec. 16, HARMONIA, German bark, for Guam.
Dec. 16, ASHINGTON, British steamer, for Swatow.
Dec. 17, HRAVES, German bark, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
For Hector, steamer, from Nagasaki, Dr. Swale, and 1 European, deck.
For Volga, steamer, from Yokohama, Mrs. Kingley and Mr. J. H. Wong.

DEPARTED.

Per Belgic, steamer, for Yokohama and San Francisco, 3 Europeans and 671 Chinese.
For Ashington, steamer, for Satow, 12 Chinese.
For Yorkshiro, steamer, for Singapore, 371 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Hector, from Nagasaki, reports strong N.E. monsoon, with thick rainy weather.

MAILS.

The following mails will close:—
TO-DAY, 17th December.—
For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, per Namoa, at 5 p.m. For Straits and Bombay, per Goolong, at 2.30 p.m. For Singapore and New York, per Yorkshiro, at 2.30 p.m.
On MONDAY, 19th December.—
For the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar, per Djinnah, for printed matter at 10 a.m., and letters at 11 a.m. For Straits Settlements, Colombo, Bombay, Suez, Europe via Trieste, per Helios, at 3.30 p.m.
On TUESDAY, 20th December.—
For Straits Settlements and Onegatta, per Japan, at 2.30 p.m.
On FRIDAY, 23rd December.—
For Port Darwin, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, &c., per Mearns, at 11.30 a.m. For Kobe and Yokohama, per Takasago Maru, at 11.30 a.m.
On SATURDAY, 24th December.—
For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, &c., per Tannadice, at 11.30 a.m.

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